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Mr. John Shinn
William Morrow & Company, Inc.
425 Park Avenue South
New York 16, New York

Dear Mr. Shinn:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of 13 December 1961, requesting any comment I might have on CIA after reading the advanced copy of "CIA: The Inside Story" by Andrew Tully, which you sent to me with the author's compliments and your own.

This book is a mish-mash of some facts with much fiction. My impression on the whole is that it is a re-write of previously published information and misinformation regarding the Agency.

In the front note of the book, the author expresses gratitude to several Government officials, including me. This appreciation is worded in such a way that a reader might well assume that the statements in the book, or at least the majority of the statements in the book, had come from me and the others named in the front note. As publisher of the book, you should know that such is not the case.

The information that I gave to Mr. Tully on the brief occasions when I saw him was only such unclassified factual information as I would give upon request to any American citizen. Insofar as I am concerned, the book is more fictional than factual, and I request that my name be deleted from the front note.

Sincerely,

/s/

Stanley J. Grogan
Assistant to the Director

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